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The Maryland Council on New Americans would like to share the following information with you:

Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to announce the Call for Presentation Proposals for the Seventh National Conference on Quality Health Care for Culturally Diverse Populations is now open! The conference will be held October 18-21, 2010 in Baltimore, MD.

Please disseminate this announcement widely. Presentation proposals will be accepted until February 1, 2010.

We appreciate your efforts to increase visibility and local participation at the conference.

Sincerely,

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National Conference Series on Quality Health Care for Culturally Diverse Populations

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2010 National Conference on Quality Health Care for Culturally Diverse Populations October 18-21, 2010 -- Baltimore, MD

We invite you to submit presentation proposals for this nationally acclaimed conference, which attracts over 600 participants every two years. Health care professionals, community representatives, advocates, policymakers, researchers and others from the U.S. and around the world can submit brief proposals on good practices and innovative approaches related to the following thematic categories:

- * Language Access
- * Culturally Competent Care/Disparity Reduction
- * Cultural Competence/Disparity Reduction Education and Training
- * Organizational Cultural Competence
- * Policy
- * Research

Proposals are due February 1, 2010.

Full details on the Call for Proposals: www.diversityrxconference.org/proposals

The theme for the 2010 conference is "Improving health care for culturally diverse populations: A new place on the national health agenda." From state initiatives to accreditation standards to national health care reform, improving the health of culturally diverse populations is on the agenda of our country's health policymakers. With the aim of reducing persistent health disparities and improving quality and access, integrating culturally and linguistically appropriate services into health care has figured prominently on the health policy agendas of the US Congress, The Joint Commission, the National Committee for Quality Assurance, the National Quality Forum, and the Institute of Medicine. Join us as we discuss the implications of these initiatives and others, in the context of the tenth anniversary of the CLAS Standards.

All conference details: www.diversityrxconference.org/